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SUBJECT: Promotion of Tax Compliance

As federal employees we have a special obligation to help foster public confidence in our government by serving as model taxpayers. As public servants and stewards of taxpayer dollars, we should have a keen appreciation for the importance of complying with tax laws and rules.

In a recent memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, the Honorable Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), reported that while the rate of compliance among Federal employees continues to be better than the general public, the delinquency rate for the Department's civilian employees was higher than the rest of the Federal Government.

Please ensure your personnel are aware of their obligations to file their tax returns and comply with all applicable tax laws.



For employees who need assistance in meeting their tax obligations, the IRS stands ready to help. They can visit their local IRS office or call 1-800-829-1040, to have any questions answered concerning filing a return or resolving a balanced owed. Additional information, forms and publications can also be found on the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

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